GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Assistance to NGOs
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details including names of Non-Governmental organizations in the country, State-wise including Chhattisgarh and the financial assistance provided to the said NGOs during the last three years and the current year along with the names of schemes under which the said assistance was provided;

(b) whether the Government provides assistance to NGOs for animal husbandry dairy development, improvement of breeds of indigenous cows and artificial insemination, etc.;

(c) if so, the details of funds allocated/released and utilised to the NGOs of the various States of the country including Chhattisgarh, State and NGO-wise;

(d) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning/activities of the said Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of NGOs found involved in various irregularities, State-wise along with the details of the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

(a) Normally, assistance to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) associated with agriculture sector is not provided directly by the Government of India. The States are free to provide such assistance under some schemes and programmes. However, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has sanctioned 102 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) under the administrative control of NGOs in the country. No KVK under NGO has been approved in the State of Chhattisgarh. Funds are provided to these NGOs for implementing the activities of the KVKs and not for the activities of NGOs per se. The State-wise and NGO-wise details of financial assistance provided for implementing the activities of the KVKs for the last 3 years and current year are given in Annexure-I.

(b) Funds allocated also include the components on agriculture, animal husbandry, Dairy and development of breeds and artificial insemination.

(c) As in (a) above.

(d) There is a process of periodical reviews including Annual Reviews, Quinquennial Review; accreditation of courses of AUs and Institutes. In case of frontline extension system, i.e., KVKs; the process is reviewed every year by holding of Scientific Advisory Committee meetings; Annual Zonal Workshops; mid-term review workshops; Activity Specific Training-cum-Workshops; Annual National Conference; and visits to KVKs by the Officers of Agricultural Technology Application Research Institutes (ATARIs), Directorates of Extension Education of Agricultural Universities and ICAR Headquarters. The outcome of review activities undertaken includes development and execution of improved and need based annual action plans; compilation of technology inventories, preparation of technology manuals, books, bulletins and extension literature in print and electronic form; development and organization of programmes for capacity building and technology backstopping; human resource development and knowledge empowerment; and sharing of innovative models and experiences of technology application mechanisms.

(e) Irregularities were found in the utilization of funds by the Bhakthavatsalam Memorial Trust which is the host organization for the Thanjavur KVK of Tamil Nadu State and the RVS Education Trust which is the host organization for the Tirunelveli KVK. An enquiry was conducted and based on the enquiry report a Show Cause notice has been issued to the Bhakthavatsalam Trust for Thanjavur KVK. For the Tirunelveli KVK, as recommended by the fact finding committee, instructions have been issued to rectify the discripancies. However, both the host organizations, i.e., of Thanjavur KVK and of Tirunelveli KVK have moved the Court and the matter is sub-judice.

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